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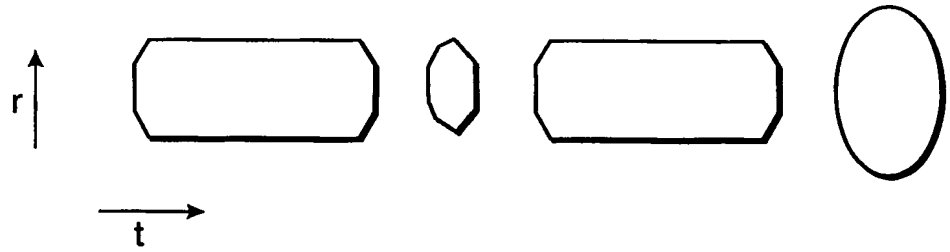

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a method and a corresponding apparatus for recording an information on a recordable optical record carrier (2) by irradiation of a light beam through optical means (3-7) onto said record carrier (2) for forming marks and lands representing said information along an information recording direction (t). To obtain a higher recording density, and thus higher data capacity, it is proposed according to the present invention to use astigmatism for influencing the light beam from the light source (8) to said record carrier (2) during recording of information so as to obtain a light beam having a substantially oval spot profile having a shorter axis in the information recording direction (t), i.e. the tangential direction for an optical disc, compared to the direction (r) orthogonal that to, i.e. the radial direction.

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